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WU Medical Center Area Redevelopment Plan Receives Approval of Community Commission



(Photos by Herb Weitman)

The Washington University Medical Center "New Town in Town" project took another step forward this week when the St. Louis Community Development Commission recommended that the city Board of Aldermen approve the proposal.

The Medical Center project, which calls for the rehabilitation of the 36-square-block neighborhood bounded by Kingshighway, Lindell, Boyle and Oakland, is aimed at creating an outstanding working and living area around the central west end hospital complex.

After holding a public hearing on the nine-year, \$55 million redevelopment project, the Board of Aldermen will vote on the project and then forward the plan to Mayor John H. Poelker for final action. The first three-year stage of the project could get underway as early as next spring or summer if the proposal continues on course.

The main objections raised so far to the proposal have focused on the need to relocate some residents of the neighborhood. The Washington University Medical Center Redevelopment Corporation and the managers of the project,

Capitol Land Company, have promised to help these residents.

Richard Roloff, president of Capitol Land, said the developers will work with residents who are relocated by the project and help them find new homes, preferably in the project area.

A spokesman for the Redevelopment Corporation said that the approach of the plan "is to preserve as many existing buildings as possible while constructing new housing units in a variety of styles. The new homes and apartments will offer a broad selection of housing to the many people associated with the Medical Center as well as the growing number of persons who prefer to live and work in the city. The commercial area will be strengthened through the development of a town center and sites for corporate headquarters."

The plan approved by the Community Development Commission calls for the construction of an office park and residential buildings ranging from apartments for the elderly to single-family townhouses, a spokesman for the Redevelopment Corporation said. It also provides for expansion of rental facilities and rehabilitation of existing homes and multi-family buildings. The Medical Center itself will be expanded east to Taylor, which would become,

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Joint Economics, Law Program To Be Established

A new joint graduate degree program in law and economics will begin at Washington University next fall.

Students will be awarded two degrees upon completion of the requirements: a J.D. and an M.A. in economics. Both the Law School and the Economics Department will count up to nine hours of courses taken in the other area toward meeting its own degree requirements. Edward T. Foote, dean of the Law School, and Edward Kalachek, professor and chairman of the Economics Department, said that growing interest and interaction between law and economics on campus led to establishment of the program. "The intellectual advantages of the joint study of these two disciplines, and the trend in American legal education to broaden the scope of the law" also were major factors in forming the program, Dean Foote said.

Dean Foote estimated that there are about ten other universities in the country which have similar programs. Both Dean Foote and Professor Kalachek said that a great many fields of law have some economic ramifications, particularly the areas of anti-trust and corporation law, federal trade and utilities regulation, and environmental law.

Students who wish to enroll in the program must be admitted to the Law School. They may apply for admission to the Economics Department's master of arts program, normally during the first year of law school. Both the Law School and the Economics Department will retain separate control of admissions. Advisors appointed both by the Law School and the Economics Department will oversee each student's work. After the first year of law school, students will begin their coursework in economics. The second year will include courses in law and economic theory, and in the third year, students will specialize in some particular applied area of economics. The third year curriculum will include a new course, "The Economics of Law."

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like Kingshighway, one of the center's doors to the rest of the community. One of the highest priorities now is to persuade savings and loan associations and other financial institutions to make home improvement loans in the area. Single-family homes are usually not eligible for FHA financing until they have been rehabilitated to FHA standards.

The motivation for the redevelopment plan comes from a common concern about the deterioration of the surrounding neighborhood. "We cannot allow this to continue; we have too much at stake in this great Medical Center," a spokesman said.

Some opposition to the plan springs from granting the power of eminent domain to the Medical Center Redevelopment Corporation. The plan cannot be implemented, however, without the right to acquire property in the area as needed, corporation officials say.

The project has been endorsed by Civic Progress, Inc., which represents top business, financial and civic interests in the St. Louis area, as well as by Mayor John Poelker and Governor Christopher Bond. The Missouri Housing Development Commission is committed in principle to financing a large portion of the program. As much as \$10 million in equity capital may be needed to supplement mortgage loan borrowings from the commission.

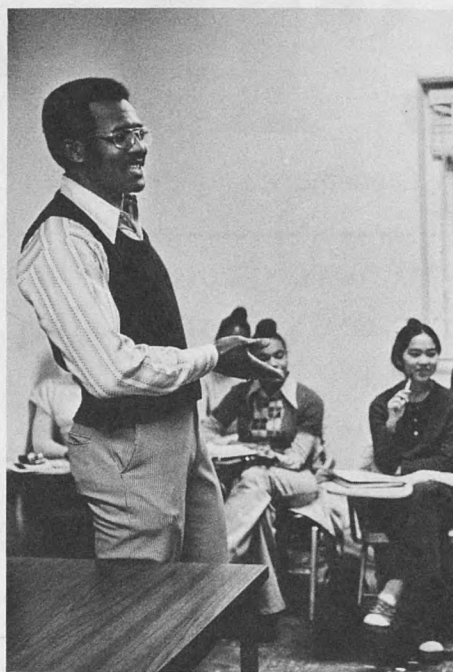
Roos Presents Papers To University Archives

Washington University's Olin Library archives has received St. Louis County Supervisor Lawrence K. Roos's papers (more than 100 boxes full). Mr. Roos, who will resume his banking career when he leaves office at the end of this month, presented his papers to Chancellor William H. Danforth Monday.

The acquisition of the Roos archives will supplement previous gifts of official papers from St. Louis mayors Aloys P. Kaufmann, the late Raymond R. Tucker, and Alfonso J. Cervantes. Washington University's archives are now regarded as an important depository of contemporary political and business records, which document the history of the St. Louis metropolitan area in the twentieth century.

The Roos papers included all his records accumulated during three consecutive terms (1963-1974) as chief executive of St. Louis County, such as personal correspondence and records pertaining to his political campaigns.

Professor Uses Counseling Skills To Improve Racial Understanding On and Off WU Campus



Horace Mitchell's many activities include teaching a graduate seminar in counseling minority groups at WU.

By King McElroy

Horace Mitchell, assistant professor of education and black studies, acts as a bridge between academic life and the community.

He conducts three workshops in the greater metropolitan area. In the Jennings school district, he teaches a racial awareness workshop for 14 counselors. He directs a similar workshop for teachers and counselors in University City public schools. The third workshop, entitled "Human Effectiveness Training," is for 32 residents in University City. It is sponsored by the city's Human Relations Council.

The terms "black awareness" and "human effectiveness training" are catch-all phrases, Professor Mitchell said. Elaborating on the terms, he said: "Black awareness means that white people understand black people and what it means to be black. Human effectiveness training aims to improve communications skills among people."

At the beginning of the black awareness workshops, Professor Mitchell explains that standardized tests used in the schools are not valid for minorities. For example, a black inner city child often uses the word, "ain't," for the word, "didn't." He will say, "I ain't like it," meaning, "I didn't like it." So if he were given the multiple choice question, "What did you think of *Sesame Street* last week?" with the following answers: a) I didn't like it; b) I liked it; c) I didn't watch it, he might be confused by answers a and c.

Another technique he employs is to invite black students to be in the group because he has found that some workshop members have never come into contact with black students before. "I also focus specifically on the curriculum of schools," Professor Mitchell said. "I point out that the traditional curriculum has either ignored black people or has treated them only in negative fashion."

In his human effectiveness workshop, Professor Mitchell introduces members of the group to effective listening skills to help them understand not only a person's words but also the individual's underlying feelings. "I also introduce message-sending skills to help people become more aware of their own feelings and needs in order to communicate with others," he said.

On campus, he offers a course that is popular among blacks, "The Black Family." "In this course, I re-examine the black family from the black frame of reference," he said. "I also attack myths about black families. One such myth is that black families are disorganized. By focusing more on family functioning and less on family structure, one can look past the constraints that white society has imposed on black families."

Professor Mitchell has been at Washington University since 1964, when he began his studies here. He obtained bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University.

He was a defensive end on the Battling Bears football team in 1965 and now plays intramural football and basketball on campus. His basketball team, named "Shaft," has been intramural champs the last four years.

In addition to his duties off the campus, Professor Mitchell teaches six courses, supervises masters degree candidates in the counseling program and coordinates counseling internship placements. He is also the chairman of the All-University Advisory Committee on Athletics and is a member of the Standing Committee for Protection of Human Subjects and of the Black Studies Administrative Committee. Finally, he advises freshmen and sophomores on their academic programs. He developed his counseling talents as assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1968 to 1973.

As a result of his work, Professor Mitchell has received a faculty research grant from the University which will enable him to begin work on a book about counseling minorities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO MEMBERS of the WU Community, Thomas J. Rimer, III, chairman of the Department of Chinese and Japanese, and David Wilson, a candidate for the Ph.D. in history, will participate in two all-day workshops on the UMSL campus in mid-January. The sessions, designed specifically for high school teachers of social studies and the humanities who are interested in China and Japan, will focus on the theme, "Demystifying China and Japan." The workshops, sponsored by the Asia Resource Center at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, will be presented on successive Saturdays, Jan. 18 and Jan. 24 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The first session will be devoted to China and will feature Wilson, field staff representative of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, as one of the speakers. Professor Rimer will discuss the Kabuki theatre and Japanese literature at the second workshop. Fee for both sessions is \$12. For further information, call Mr. Wilson at 863-0100, ext. 4091.

ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, Prof. George S. Hammond, vice chancellor for sciences and professor of chemistry, U. of California-Santa Cruz, will speak on "Pattern Recognition and the Teaching of Chemistry." The seminar sponsored by the Department of Chemistry will be offered at 11 a.m. in 458 Louderman.

THE WU RESEARCH OFFICE has announced that a revised page charge policy is now applicable to all federally-funded research. The text of the policy statement may be obtained from all University deans, directors and department heads.

THE WU OBSERVATORY's regular viewing hours (7:30-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday) will be suspended until the start of the spring semester. Persons interested in visiting the observatory during the holidays should call the Physics Department at 863-0100, ext. 4036, or the observatory, ext. 4093, after 7 p.m.

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New Trustee Appointed

Raymond H. Wittcoff, president of Transurban Investment Corporation, St. Louis, has been appointed to Washington University's Board of Trustees. A native St. Louisan, Mr. Wittcoff is a graduate of St. Louis Country Day School and the University of Chicago, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He was the first chairman of the Human Development Corporation in St. Louis.



Former president of Downtown St. Louis, Inc., Mr. Wittcoff serves on the boards of many civic and cultural organizations including the Arts and Education Council and the Governmental Research Institute. A leader in the development of national educational television, Mr. Wittcoff was also instrumental in establishing educational television in St. Louis. Mr. Wittcoff is a trustee of The Equitable Life Real Estate Investment Trust and president of the Board of Trustees of the Community School.

SOPHOMORE COMMISSION, a WU women's honorary, will hold a book sale and collection from 1-4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 16-17, on the third floor of the Women's Building on campus. Call Libby Nelson at 726-3392 for more information.

THE WU RESEARCH OFFICE has announced the following deadlines for grant applications: Jan. 1, National Institutes of Health (NIH) Research Grant Renewals; Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration (ADAMHA) Research Career Development Award Program; Ford Foundation International Economic Order Research, and National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Works of Art in Public Places and Visual Arts competitions; Jan. 2, NIH National Research Service awards for Individual Postdoctoral fellows and NIH Research Career Development Award Program; Jan. 6, NEA Architectural and Environmental Arts Program; and Jan. 15, ADAMHA National Research Service Awards for Individual Postdoctoral Fellows; Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education Special Focus Program (first round for comprehensive program); NEA Photography—Exhibition Aid, and Visual Arts in the Performing Arts and Rockefeller Foundation Fellowships in Environmental Affairs. Call 863-0100, ext. 4141 for more information.

NEWS BRIEFS

A dispute over flood control and land use in the Snowqualmie Valley on the West Coast which has been smoldering for some 15 years has been successfully mediated by the University's Community Crisis Intervention Center. The successful solution of this problem was announced last Tuesday by Gov. Daniel J. Evans of the state of Washington. Gerald Cormick, director of the center, and his associate Jane McCarthy have been working with the many opposing factions involved in the dispute since last May to produce a solution. Settlement of this controversy, which is based on a package agreement totaling expenditures of more than \$100 million by the Corps of Engineers, "marks the first time the mediation process has ever been consciously applied to an environmental dispute," Mr. Cormick said. The Ford and Rockefeller Foundations financed the Crisis Intervention Center's mediation efforts.

Two faculty members and four alumni from the University's School of Fine Arts are participants in a new gallery show entitled "A Mixed Bag" now showing at the Loretto-Hilton Center until Jan. 7. They are Dennis K. Johnson, assistant professor of art, and Howard Jones, professor of art; Marjorie Hayes, Michael Jantzen, and Jerry Pruce, all of whom received master of fine arts degrees in June, and Jeff Schneider, awarded a bachelor of fine arts degree at the same time. Other participants include Elsworth Kelly, Roy Lichtenstein, and Ernest Trova. *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* staff members represented are Pat Degener and Mary King.

RECOGNITIONS

ANDREW J. EATON, director of University Libraries, is currently serving as chairman of the University Libraries Section of the International Federation of Library Associations. At this organization's 40th council meeting in Washington, D.C., recently, Mr. Eaton arranged two public sessions of this section dealing with "The Relationship of University Libraries to National Library Planning" and "University Library Management." Mr. Eaton invited two librarians from the Soviet Union, one from Iran, and three Americans to speak.

Calendar

December 19-24

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

12:10-12:50 p.m. Music Moods, sponsored by the Campus Y. Brahms' "Marienlieder" and Christmas music. Y Lounge.

4 p.m. Department of Chemistry Seminar, "Phosphite Complexes of Iron: The Case of the Missing Hydrogen," R. P. Stewart, professor of chemistry, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. 311 McMillen Lab.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

12 noon-3:30 p.m. Campus Y Holiday Get-together. Coffee, tea, punch, cookies. Y Lounge.

7:30 & 9:30 p.m. WU Filmboard Series, "Cat Ballou" starring Jane Fonda and Lee Marvin. Wohl Center Line D. Admission \$1.

EXHIBITIONS

"Executive Order 9066," a collection of black and white photographs of Japanese Americans interned on the West Coast after the Pearl Harbor attack. Sponsored by the St. Louis Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League and the Asian Arts Society. Steinberg Hall. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Through January 10.

Modern American prints from WU collection. Steinberg Hall. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Through January 10.

Books on cryptography from the Philip Mills Arnold Semeiology Collection. Level three, Olin Library. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-midnight; Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-midnight. Through December 31.

Memorabilia of the St. Louis Car Company, including scale models and photographs of vehicles built here from 1887-1973. Level five, Olin Library. Weekdays only, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Registration Open for Children's Dance Classes

Classes in creative dance for children offered by the Dance Division of the WU Performing Arts Area are open for enrollment for the spring semester. They will meet from January 18-March 22. Registration closes January 10. The fee for each class, limited to 15 unless otherwise noted, is \$29. For further information call the WU Dance Division at 863-0100, ext. 4181.

Shepard, DePew Receive St. Louis Award



Former WU Chancellor Ethan A. H. Shepley, far left, congratulates Thomas DePew, and WU Chancellor William H. Danforth, far right, greets Macler Shepard, co-winner with Mr. DePew of this year's St. Louis Award for contributions to the St. Louis community; Mr. Shepley, who presented the awards, and Dr. Danforth are members of the Award Committee. The photo exhibit in the background of the 42 past St. Louis Award winners was prepared by WU photographer Herb Weitman and presented by WU to the Missouri Historical Society.

Macler C. Shepard, president of Jeff-Vander-Lou, and Thomas N. DePew, president of the Arrowhead Foundation, received the 1974 St. Louis Award in ceremonies Dec. 11 at the Old Court House. Last spring Mr. Shepard was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from WU.

Morton D. May presided at the ceremonies and former WU Chancellor Ethan A. H. Shepley presented the awards—certificates and a \$1000 check, which the recipients donated to Jeff-Vander-Lou. The St. Louis Award was established in 1932 by the late David P. Wohl to honor those who have made outstanding contributions to the St. Louis Metropolitan Area.

Since 1966 under the presidency of Mr. Shepard, the Jeff-Vander-Lou community's achievements have included rehabilitation of 160 abandoned housing units (now sold or rented to neighborhood residents); building of a 74-unit apartment complex; development of a medical care facility and a day care center and successful negotiations to bring a major manufacturing firm to the community. WU students and faculty have been involved in various Jeff-Vander-Lou projects.

Mr. DePew, president of the Tier-Rack Corp. and Arrowhead Products Co. of St. Louis, is Mr. Shepard's closest associate from the business community and has helped him in bringing various resources into co-operative ventures with Jeff-Vander-Lou residents. Seed-money loans to Jeff-Vander-Lou from the Arrowhead Foundation have led to \$6 million in capital investment in the

neighborhood.

"Jeff-Vander-Lou's programs are not run with government funds—help must come from a concerned community," Mr. DePew said. A non-profit organization, Jeff-Vander-Lou is bounded by Jefferson Ave., Sarah St., Olive Blvd. and Natural Bridge.

False Fire Alarm Interrupts Reading Week Quiet at Olin

Where there's no smoke there's no fire, Olin Library users and staff discovered last Thursday when the fire alarm system was triggered accidentally. The brouhaha developed about 8:45 a.m. when two workmen installing shelving in the bibliographic searching section on the third level missed their mark and dropped some material on the alarm.

It made a noise, (not the shrill, adrenalin-raising clang associated with ordinary alarm systems), but a more refined and infinitely less exciting buzzing sound. That's exactly what the Olin Library alarm is supposed to do, but even some staff people didn't recognize the signal. The more cautious among the students in Olin at the time went bounding down the stairs and out the exits; the rest either ignored it or in prime concentration time just before exams didn't even hear it. It took only a few minutes for Olin Library administrators to determine that the place wasn't going up in a puff, and to issue an all-clear to concerned department heads. They passed the word along, and everyone resumed their activities.